EDWARD BOYLE.

JANUARY 28, 1897 .- Committed to the Committee on the Whole Honse and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sulloway, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9521.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9521) granting an increase of pension to Edward Boyle, having considered the same, respectfully report:

This soldier enlisted August 26, 1858, and served as a private in Company D, Sixth United States Infantry, until August 26, 1863, when he was honorably discharged. He reenlisted January 20, 1865, and served in Company A, Third Veteran Reserve Corps, until December 4, 1865, when he was honorably discharged.

He was pensioned at \$4 from April 4, 1879, and \$8 from October 5, 1880, for hemorrhoids and disease of rectum. This was increased to \$12 from September 6, 1882, but reduced to \$8 from December 4, 1885.

Dr. Hood, medical referee, certified October 31, 1884:

The appellant has by direction of the Honorable Secretary been subjected to reexamination, with purpose of determining right to existing (\$12) rating. The certificate of the Concord, N. H., board, herewith, does not, it would seem, warrant reduction.

The above-named board, October 22, 1884, rated him two-thirds of third grade for piles and fissure of rectum.

The board at Manchester, N. H., May 6, 1891, rated him six-eighteenths for disease of rectum, six-eighteenths for hemorrhoids, and teneighteenths for varicose veins of both legs.

The testimony shows that this man is so afflicted with rheumatic stiffness, in addition to the other disabilities, that he is often unable to

fasten his shoes, and is incapacitated for manual labor.

In view of the facts the committee recommend the passage of the bill without amendment.